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SUBJECT: PROSECUTOR PUBLISHES INDICTMENTS IN ACO CASE

REF: BEIRUT 9871

1. THE LEBANESE MILITARY PROSECUTOR HAS PUBLISHED THE INDICTMENTS IN THE "ARAB COMMUNIST ORG" CASE (REFTEL). HE REQUESTS DEATH SENTENCES FOR NINE MILITARY PERSONNEL (SIX SERGEANTS, TWO CORPORALS, AND A PRIVATE) AND FOR ONE CIVILIAN WHO IS STILL AT LARGE. THREE PRIVATES ARE RELEASED FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE. THE INDICTMENT CHARGES THAT THE ACCUSED CONDUCTED TERRORIST ACTS, REVEALED MILITARY SECRETS, UNDERMINED SECURITY, AND WORKED FOR THE ACO AND/OR THE "SOCIAL REVOLUTIONARY ORG."

2. SOME LEFTIST PAPERS HAVE CRITICIZED THESE INDICTMENTS, ACCUSING THE GOVT OF FALSELY ARRESTING "PROGRESSIVE" PERSONS WHILE "DANGEROUS" RIGHTIST GROUPS LIKE THE PHALANGE GO UNTOUCHED.

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THE COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN "AL NIDA" DECLARED THAT POPULAR DELS

WERE VISITING RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL LEADERS, INCLUDING KAMAL JUMBLATT, TO PROTEST THE ACO ARRESTS.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE THESE SUSPECTS WERE
ROUNDED UP LAST MONTH THAT THE LEBANESE LEFT HAS MOBILIZED SO
STRONGLY AGAINST THESE ARRESTS. A CAMPAIGN PROTESTING THE PRO-
SECUTIONS MAY BE GEARING UP TO COINCIDE WITH THE TRIALS.
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